



Response Under 37 CFR §1.116 **Expedited Procedure** Group Art unit 3700

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/652,842 Group No.: 3738

Examiner: S. Jackson Filed: August 29, 2003

§ For: CEMENTED ARTIFICIAL DISC REPLACEMENTS

## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

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à Dear Sir:

GIFFORD, KRASS, GROH, SPRINKLE, ANDERSON & CITKOWSK!

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 10, 2005, and subsequent Notice of Appeal, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: